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THE J. E. JONES LETTER

Philippine Hopes
Philippine independence is always a live political issue. The Senate once passed a measure by a majority of one in favor of setting the Philippines free, but the House smothered the hope held out by the Senate to the island people. One of the last acts of President Wilson was to ask Congress to set a time when the Philippines would be independent. And about the first thing President Harding did was to arrange for General Leonard Wood to go out into the Philippines and put the "soft pedal" on independence. Now political and economic elements have recently become important to the Philippine question. The political change is due to the fact that more than 100 new Congressmen will sit in the House of Representatives when Congress reconvenes. It is generally recognized that the "progressives" are in the saddle. By this expression it is meant that men who are willing to initiate new methods in government, and stand back of new ideas, and go to battle for their ideas, have been elected. Indisputably freedom for the Philippines is listed on the program of many of the new statesmen. The economic situation brings strongly into the foreground the possibility that in the expanding commercial relations with the Philippines that America's rubber in future years will come from the islands. An exhaustive study has been made by the United States Government of the world's rubber problem, and it is agreed that the vigorous development of that industry in the Philippines is very desirable for this country, and likewise for the islands. The booming of a single industry might not seem on the surface to furnish a reason for warming up our enthusiasm for independence. But the new industrial factor is an added link in the chain that is drawing the United States and the Philippines to a better understanding.

America Becomes Tolerant
America has been learning the lesson that if we are to expand our commerce that we must have the friendship of the people we are going to deal with. For long years we were the tyrant "big brother to Latin America," and our arrogance was anything but popular. But when we stopped patronizing our southern republics our interests began growing more in common. So the situation with reference to Latin America is apt to be influenced in future by economic conditions, and if it is found that the development of new trade and industries can be furthered best by keeping our hands off their governmental enterprises, the American government is pretty apt to listen, less and less to the American adventure men who have been promoting these people by living in small numbers among them.

President Wilson of Mexico, has turned the tables on us by practicing "watchful waiting," and he has said in substance that "when the United States gets ready to recognize us we will still be found south of the Rio Grande." In the meanwhile Mexico has been making a pretty good case of successful rule, and since that country ceased coaxing Washington for favors the curiosity of Secretary of State Hughes caused him to look into affairs, with the result that it is quite certain that the old time friendly relations will be resumed with the Mexican nation.

While the United States has been busy with its internal affairs it has at the same time created a new spirit with reference to our neighbors like Mexico and Cuba. And Alaska, Porto Rico, and the Philippines had warm sympathy and support in their ambitions regarding their government affairs. The old excuse that the Philippines are not fitted for self government seems to have fallen rather flat since official statistics show that three fourths of the entire population of the Philippines are literate, whereas many of the self-governed nations that have existed for centuries cannot produce one half as good a showing. A tolerant and just American conscience is apparently looking beneath the political surface and coming more seriously to the aid of the rights of other nations whose destinies come under our influence and control.

Also, Alaska
There was never a war in the territorial history of any nation that gave richer soils to its people than Alaska. The richness of its mines and fisheries have excited the world. And yet the rise of this political horizon indicates that she is starting to develop a party of United States Senators and Representatives, elected by their voters, to represent her in Congress.

SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT.

The May term of Supreme Judicial Court for Oxford County will convene at Rumford on Tuesday, May 8, with Hon. Charles J. Dunn presiding. The grand jurors will be the same as served the February term and are as follows:
Fred E. Bean, Bethel, foreman.
Henry Bacon, Hebron.
C. H. Barker, Lovell.
H. B. Berry, Hartford.
Albert D. Coburn, Paris.
Augustus S. Colby, Denmark.
Everett E. Conant, Backfield.
Harry Goodridge, Mexico.
J. E. Hathaway, Woodstock.
Evander B. Knox, Peru.
R. E. McCallister, Canton.
L. E. Mills, Andover.
Walter N. Powers, Newry.
Frederick O. Pullman, Rumford.
Perley W. Russell, Norway.
W. H. Warren, Stoneham.
Fred S. Waterman, Oxford.

The traverse jurors drawn for the May term follow:
Abbie Abbott, Paris.
A. Walter Arkett, Woodstock.
Albert A. Berry, Andover.
True J. Brown, Bethel.
Boniface Burt, Roxbury.
Donald Burke, Mexico.
D. H. Charles, Fryeburg.
Barbara Clonin, Rumford.
Alva M. Curtis, Peru.
Honelle C. Davis, Woodstock.
J. Garo Decker, Waterford.
W. L. Dyer, Sumner.
Stanley E. Foster, Backfield.
William C. Garay, Bethel.
Mabel C. Gowan, Rumford.
Walter Holman, Dixfield.
W. E. Howard, Mexico.
Frank Jack, Denmark.
Mrs. Alma Jordan, Mexico.
Cleveland Ladd, Byron.
May Edna Ladd, Rumford.
Mendall A. LeBaron, Lovell.
Alton C. Maxim, Paris.
George W. Odham, Peru.
Leon D. Reynolds, Rumford.
H. M. Sampson, Hartford.
Roxas E. Staples, Oxford.
H. K. Stearns, Hebron.
Frank P. Stone, Norway.
W. H. Thurston, Bethel.
Percy O. Upton, Norway.
Willis W. Wallis, Dixfield.
D. S. Webber, Greenwood.
Milton C. Winslow, Canton.
Walton W. Wilgore, Newry.
Everett Wentworth, Porter.

It is expected that quite a number of cases will be heard at this term. Three cases were assigned for this term from the February term as follows:
The first to be heard, No. 23, on the continued docket, Willis C. Charles vs. Sampson H. Hartman, for negligence, with Hastings & Son appearing for plaintiff, and Bradley, Linnell & Jones for defendant, already has had quite a history in the courts. It was entered in the May term, 1921, and tried on the twelfth day of the term. At completion of evidence the defendant moved for a directed verdict in his favor. The plaintiff then moved to amend his declaration but the motion was denied and the directed verdict for defendant allowed. Exceptions to denial of amendment were filed and allowed and the case went to the law court. This tribunal sustained the exceptions, hence the new trial.

No. 22, Helen M. Walker vs. Frank M. Garland for trespass, Walter P. Perkins for plaintiff and Hastings & Son for defendant is the second case. This action was entered in the October term, 1921, and tried in the October term, 1922, resulting in disagreement of the jury.
The third case, No. 121, A. W. Jackson vs. L. A. Warren et al., on account with Anne C. Wheeler for plaintiff and Hastings & Son for defendant was entered at the last October term and assigned at that time for the May term.

CHAUTAUQUA COMMITTEE
At a meeting of the Grantors of the Chautauqua Committee recently held at the office of H. H. Hastings the following officers were elected:
Pres. H. H. Hastings.
Vice Pres. E. M. Walker.
Secretary, D. O. Loring.
Treasurer, H. E. Jarvis.
Chairman of Ticket Com. O. L. Thurston.
Chairman of Advertising Com. H. C. Hays.
Chairman of Grants Com. H. D. Thurston.
Chairman of Junior Chautauqua, Miss Virginia Wright.
Chairman of Sunday Com. C. E. O'Brien.

Mrs. Fred Chandler of Auburn was the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Chandler Sunday.

BETHEL AND VICINITY

May 4th.—Arbor Day.

Mr. O. B. George has purchased a new Buick roadster.

Mr. Ralph Cushing of Gilead was in town recently.

Mr. Charles Demeritt has purchased a Ford coupe.

Miss Cornelia Chapman has returned from New York.

Mr. Harold Rooney spent a few days in Berlin, recently.

Mr. Ralph Torgerson spent the week end in Island Pond.

Mr. Charles Cross and party motored to Rumford, Sunday.

Mr. Stanley Wheeler of South Paris was in town Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Tyler were in Portland last week.

Mr. A. C. Frost has moved into the rent of Wesley Wheeler.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Allen has employment at Bethel Inn.

Miss Carrie Wright spent the week end at her home in Newry.

Miss Marian T. Pratt of Reading is the guest of friends in town.

Mr. Cole of Lewiston was a week-end guest at Mr. Archie Verville's.

Mr. Ernest Blase who has been ill is able to return to his work.

Mr. Scott Wight was in Bethel Tuesday to attend the Chapman Concert.

Dr. Bryant of Bangor visited his daughter Kathryn over the week end.

Miss Kathryn Hancock is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Hancock.

Mr. Basil Chapman from Lewiston visited Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hastings recently.

Master Warren Reddy entertained eleven of his young friends, Friday afternoon, in honor of his birthday.

Mrs. W. C. Bryant was the first Bethel woman to land a fish this year, taking a salmon weighing 6 1/2 lbs. from Kears Lake.

Remember the auction at the H. N. Upton place on Church street, Bethel village, Wednesday, May 9th, at 1:30 in the afternoon.

The Anniversary Service of Mt. Abn Lodge, No. 21, I. O. O. F., and Sunset Methodist Lodge was observed at the Congregational Church. Rev. S. T. Ackersbach gave a very interesting and instructive talk.

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GRANGE NEWS

OXFORD POMONA GRANGE.

Oxford Pomona Grange held the regular May session with Pleasant Valley Grange, West Bethel, Tuesday, May 1st. Owing to bad traveling most of the members patronized the Grand Trunk R. R. The meeting was opened by Worthy Master Herman Mason. All officers were present except Pomona, Sister Cora Perham of Franklin Grange acted as Pomona pro tem.

At the roll call of Granges the following ones reported: Hebron, Paris, Norway, Oxford, Bethel, Bear Mountain, Franklin, Pleasant Valley, Bear River, West Paris, Mountain View, Pleasant Pond, Andover and New Century Pomona. Bro. Chas. McInnis extended a very cordial welcome to the visiting members. Sixteen candidates were instructed in the degree of Pomona. A recess was declared for dinner to which over 200 members did ample justice to the beautiful supply of food. Worthy Master Mason again called to order and declared the meeting closed in the fifth degree. The officers chairs were then filled by the officers of Bethel Grange.

Worthy Master George Haggard opened the meeting in the fourth degree and called for conferring degrees. The meeting was declared closed in the fourth degree and reopened in the first degree and Bethel Grange officers exemplified the work of the first degree. The meeting was then declared closed in the first degree and the officers of Bethel River Grange then filled the chairs and Worthy Master Fred Wight reopened the meeting in the second degree and Bethel River Grange officers exemplified the work of the second degree. The meeting was then declared closed in the second degree and the officers of Franklin Grange then filled the chairs. Worthy Master Ellis Davis reopened the meeting in the third degree and Franklin Grange officers exemplified the work of the third degree. Practically all of the officers' chairs were filled by young members who gave the work in a very able manner. The harvest march being especially nice. The meeting was then declared closed in the third degree and Worthy Master Charles McInnis of Pleasant Valley Grange reopened the meeting in the fourth degree. The work of the fourth degree was exemplified in a very efficient manner by the ladies degree team of Pleasant Valley consisting of the following sisters: Master, Sister Maggie Lowell, Foreman, Sister Thora Odham, Lecturer, Sister Ruth Grover, Secretary, Sister Mildred McInnis, Assn. Secretary, Sister Ruby Linton, Chaplain, Sister Nathaniel Brown, Gate Keeper, Sister Gertrude Valen.

Bro. and Sister Ruth Linton, Pomona, Sister Lillian Gooding, Flora, Sister Mabel Davis, L. A. Stewart, Sister Grace Bennett.

The meeting was declared closed in the fourth degree and Worthy Master Herman Mason reopened in the fifth degree and Worthy Lecturer Charles Saxon announced that the Pomona meeting to be held June 26th, would be held at Bethel Inn.

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HIGH WATER CAUSES MUCH DAMAGE

The heavy rains of Saturday and Sunday caused the rivers and small streams to overflow their banks causing much damage to roads and carrying out bridges, and delaying traffic. The road to Lycke's Mills below the railroad track was covered, the water rising almost to the Motgan house, making it impassable. The Alder river bridge was completely covered. The West Bethel road was submerged from the foot of Dudley hill to the home of Mr. Chapin. In places this road was about four feet under water. The intervals below the railroad track was completely covered. Pulpwood belonging to P. L. Edwards was carried all over the meadow, necessitating a large amount of labor to get it back into the track.

A bridge was washed out just beyond the Harry King residence on the north side of the river. At East Bethel, Middle Intervale and West Bethel bridges were washed out. The roads in all sections of the town were badly washed and gullied out.

HIGH WATER MARK REACHED AT RUMFORD

The Androscoggin River at Rumford reached on Monday of this week, its highest point since the 1906 freshet, according to statistics of the Rumford Falls Power Company, although rather severe freshets were experienced here in 1895 and in 1901. The highways from Rumford to Rumford Centre, Mexico, Dixfield, Bethel and Andover and other towns were under water on Monday, and impassable. The Danion Lumber Company of this town lost about one quarter of its immense pile of pulp wood at Virginia. The foot-bridges across the Androscoggin in Rumford is closed after one of the stations had been carried away, and a small bridge at East Rumford was washed away. A part of the Chisholm Park was washed away Monday night and the new hand stand was surrounded by water, and great fear was felt lest it too might be carried away. The old Athletic Field is flooded to a depth of several feet, and the road leading to Mexico via Lincoln Avenue has been impassable. Big crews have been at work to remove the thousands of cords of wood piled near the Oxford Paper Co.'s mill. Some of the banking and many cords of wood were washed away, but the most of this wood was saved. The banking at the River street end of the cartage bridge has been washed away, and no local made into the banking for several feet. But on Tuesday the water began to recede to some extent, until at Tuesday noon, it was stated that it had gone down about two feet, and anxiety for further damage was greatly lessened.

Mrs. Ella Mansfield has returned from a visit with her daughter in Portsmouth, N. H.

Prof. Tabbs of Bates College will occupy the pulpit at the Universalist Church, Sunday morning, May 6th, at 10:45.

SPECIAL CORPORATION MEETING

There will be a special Corporation meeting at the Corporation building on Thursday, May 10th, at 7 P. M. to act on the following articles:
1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
2. To receive and act on the resignation of the first assessor.
3. To elect a first assessor to fill the vacancy.
4. To see if the Corporation will vote to amend Article 6 of the By-Laws and make the amendments.
5. To see if the Corporation will relay the drain from the fountain on the common.

E. M. Walker,
C. K. Fox,
E. F. Blisbee,
Assessors.

PUBLIC WHIST PARTY.

A public whist party will be given at the William Bingham Gymnasium by the Alumni Association of Gould's Academy, Friday evening, May 4th. Twenty-five members of the Association are now selling tickets, anyone not solicited may purchase tickets at the door at twenty-five cents each. Bridge, bid whist and progressive tables will be arranged to suit all tastes.

CROWD ATTENDS FORDSON MEETING

When P. P. Ripley, widely known as the head of the Ripley & Fletcher Co., first had under consideration the Fordson tractor meeting which was held here Friday, he felt a little nervous, he confesses, for fear that they wouldn't be able to get out a crowd. And a free dinner and a free show was advertised! He should have known better than to have any fear. At any rate they had the crowd, as well as the dinner and the show.

Now this affair was arranged by the Ford Motor Co., in connection with their distributors, the Ripley & Fletcher Co., for the express purpose of propagating the sale of Fordson tractors. It is an advertising scheme, and the Ford Motor Co., is perfectly well able to pay for its advertising. But the affair as carried out Friday was of a magnitude which made it really an event.

The weather helped out, as the day was one of the few real days we have had this spring. The forenoon assembly was at the show rooms of the Ripley & Fletcher Co., when shortly before noon the men went to Orange Hall, where the dinner was served by Paris Grange. Not only farmers, but doctors, lawyers, ministers, merchants and others who don't even drive a Ford sat down and ate freely at Ford expense. The dinner was considerably over two hundred.

The afternoon program of speaking and pictures was carried out in the hall of Paris Grange. The visitors were welcomed briefly by Mr. Ripley. The speakers included County Agent R. H. Loring and Leslie B. McInnis, who emphasized the necessity of business methods in farming and economic production; Paul Valentine of the Ford Motor Co., who gave some interesting history of the development of the Ford business; C. E. Chelmon of the Dearborn Independent; C. W. Wilson of Winthrop, who gave his experience in using the Fordson tractor; C. M. Willey of the New England Implement Co., and C. K. Mallon of the Melroe Plow Co.

A number of interesting moving pictures were shown, including the Ford exhibit at the Michigan state fair, the Fordson at work, and the "Fordson analyzed," a picture which presented and explained in detail every feature of the Fordson, and the manner in which it works.

The affair was quite unanimously and socially a great success, whether it sold any Fordsons or not.

Mr. William Gammon was in town, Wednesday.

Don't forget the Rehearsal District Meeting at South Paris, May 10th.

Mrs. Josiah Smith of Portland was the guest of Mrs. Emma Bartlett and Mrs. Willie Hall over the week end.

There was a reception held at the Methodist church Thursday evening, for Rev. and Mrs. O. B. Oliver as they have been asked to remain in Bethel another year. About 200 were present and a very pleasant evening was spent. A program was presented consisting of address of welcome, Rev. O. B. Oliver, hosts responses, Rev. O. B. Oliver, Mrs. Wright sang two solo songs; reading of letters from O. B. Oliver's friends; address of Rev. O. B. Oliver; prayer by Rev. O. B. Oliver. Refreshments were served.

Oxford County Scout Relay a Big Success

Boys Finish Race within Time Set in Spite of Heavy Rain and Bad Road Conditions

120 Boys Participated in Race. Bethel Team Makes Best Time

The Oxford County Scout relay was run off last Saturday despite the rain and unfavorable weather, and was a success. The start was made at Rumford, the first Scout leaving at about 6 o'clock A. M. The distance traveled was 117.5 miles, and the time was 14 hours and 54 1/2 minutes. 120 Scouts participated in the race and signed the message. Each Scout wrote the motto, "Best Oxford County."

We give below the name of the troop, the route traveled, the distance covered and the average per mile made by each troop:

Troop	Route	Time	Distance	Average time per mile	It was
Rumford 3, Rumford to Rumford Center	47m 24s	6m 8 1/2 mi.	7.58		the
Rumford 2, R. Center to Hancock	47m 24s	6m 8 1/2 mi.	8.33		total
R. P. Hancock, Hancock to Bethel	50m 32s	12m 37 1/2 ft.	7.121		any 1
Bethel, Bethel to Lakes Mills	31m	5 3/4 mi.	8.913		
L. Mills, Lakes Mills to H. Pond	27m	6m 23 1/2 ft.	8.58		Mr.
H. Pond, H. Pond to West Paris	22m 30s	6m 42 1/2 ft.	7.118		Weds
West Paris, West Paris to Turkey Ridge	37m 17s	6m 11 1/2 ft.	7.121		Don
Norway, Turkey Ridge to Oxford	31m	11 3/4 mi.	7.13		Meeti
Oxford, Oxford to South Paris	49m	6m 22 1/2 ft.	7.538		
S. Paris, South Paris to Backfield	11m	13m	8.73		Mr.
Backfield, Backfield to Hartford	7m	6m 27 1/2 ft.	8.341		the g
Canton, Hartford to Gileadville	52m	7m 37 1/2 ft.	8.58		Mr. J
Dixfield, Gileadville to Dixfield	54m	11m	7.603		
Dixfield, Dixfield to Middleville	31m	4 1/2 mi.	7.588		Thur
Middleville, Middleville to Bethel	41m 30s	4 1/2 mi.	8.3		Meeti

The above stated information is official. No matter of dry going and 75 miles in the rain. The best Relay Team cannot be accredited from the above figures on account of the inequality of ROAD and WEATHER conditions on the day of the race Saturday, April 28th. Troop No. 1, Bethel made the best speed under the best possible road conditions. Troop No. 1, South Paris made the slowest speed under the worst possible road and weather conditions existing in Oxford County. The classification as to the best teams will be given later after full statistics of race, conditions, etc., have been carefully considered. Considering handicaps etc., Troop 1, Bethel; Troop 1, Canton; and Troop 1, Rumford stand on equal footing. Before each troop receives its just dues a complete report must be made by each captain.

CANTON

The anniversary sermon of Anasagunticook Lodge, No. 32, T. O. O. F., and Potomah Rebekah Lodge was delivered by Rev. Frank M. Lamb at the Opera House, Sunday afternoon, the orders attending in a body. Remarks were also made by Mrs. M. L. Hadley of Hallowell. Music was furnished by a male quartet, consisting of Rev. E. M. Lamb, Laurence Fisher, D. L. Cameron and J. Alton Tyler.

Harland Bryant and family who have been stopping at the home of D. A. Bisbee the past winter have returned to their home in Hallowell.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Henry are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son on Sunday.

The marriage of Wallace Hines of Canton and Miss Ruth Marie Green of Turner, was solemnized Saturday evening at the Baptist parsonage at Canton, Rev. Frank M. Lamb officiating. Mr. Hines is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Hines of Canton and the bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Greene of Turner. They will reside in Canton for the present.

O. Hayford is visiting his daughter, Mrs. G. H. Johnson and family.

At the next meeting of Potomah Rebekah Lodge a large class of candidates will be given the degree and a supper will be served.

Willard Gammon who has been in New York the past winter has returned home.

Swasey Wallin opened his ice cream parlor Saturday.

E. E. Fuller of No. Turner, who is well known in town is very ill.

An attempt was made at the Gilbertville station Wednesday evening about 9:30 o'clock. The station agent's wife, Mrs. G. A. Ellis and son, Oliver were in the station with no light when a man appeared and tried to get into the station. He then went to the Brown Lumber Co.'s boarding house and attempted to enter there. They watched him and he returned and tried to get a window open. Mrs. Ellis and son went out on the platform and ordered him to leave and Oliver fired a revolver at him. Mr. Ellis and the crew from the Lumber Co., hunted for the man but found no trace of him. Constable F. R. Sargent and Columbus Hall were sent for, and they were unsuccessful in locating him. It was thought he might have boarded a freight train which came along about that time.

The ice left Lake Anasagunticook, Saturday.

Walter Barton of Somerville, Mass., has arrived at his camp by the Lake since that he could eat no more.

for the summer.

Mrs. M. L. Hadley of Hallowell preached at the Universalist church, Sunday forenoon and evening.

Miss Isabel Singer of Orr's Island has been a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gammon of North Hallowell.

Mrs. A. P. York has been a guest of her aunt, Mrs. Lucy Nason of Livermore Falls. Mr. and Mrs. Nason plan to move to Gardiner soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Dalgault have been engaged to take charge of the local telephone office in place of Miss Lillie Billings who will return to Buckfield.

Mrs. Arthur J. Foster is confined to her bed by illness and Mrs. Anna Dalley is caring for her.

Miss Ruth Gammon went to Boston Saturday to visit her sister, Miss Hazel Gammon, returning Monday.

Merton Ellis of Rumford visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Ellis over the week end.

Alton Tyler has finished work in the tannery and will move this week to his newly purchased farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Stevens returned this week to Orr's Island.

Mrs. Hattie E. Grover who has been confined to her bed for the past two weeks is no better.

Herman and Wesley Tirrell have purchased a farm in South Gardiner, where they will soon move.

S. G. Wheelwright, who is well known in town is in a hospital in Lewiston for treatment.

The Ladies Aid will meet at the vestry Thursday for an all day meeting.

The water in Canton is frightfully high and still rising. The low lands are flooded and on Spring street people are going in boats and rafts. The water is up nearly to the school house in the road on Spring street, and on the cross road up to the lumber mill. Many bridges are gone or floating and if the water continues to rise great damage will be done. Houses are surrounded and roads are badly gullied. People are out watching the water and much anxiety is felt as the water continues to rise. The screen in the mill pond was obliged to be cleaned out Sunday and Francis R. Sargent dislocated his right shoulder while at work on it.

Wonderful Eating Capacity.

Two Italians once had a macaroni-eating contest, in which the winner ate away 2,160 yards of the stuff, being a quarter of a mile ahead of his rival, who had to confess with reluctance that he could eat no more.

97TH DIVISION, U. S. ARMY, ATTRACTING MANY MAINE VETERANS OF WORLD WAR

Progress in Work of Building Up Uncle Sam's "Paper Army"

The United States Government is endeavoring, through the agency of specially appointed army officers, to induce into the Officers' Reserve Corps the officers of the World War, so as to have their services readily available in the event of an emergency. In keeping with this policy, the 97th Division, U. S. Army Organized Reserves, the units of which are allocated to Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont, was organized about a year ago. The work of organization has now reached the point where over 50 per cent. of the vacancies in the commissioned grades of the division have been filled by the actual assignment of reserve officers residing in the states which comprise the divisional area. However, there are many more desirable places to be filled. Colonel J. B. Kemper, Chief of Staff of the 97th Division, with offices in the Bell Building, Manchester, N. H., and Lt. Colonel L. L. Hunsaker, Executive Officer, 356th Infantry, with offices at Room 317, Federal Building, Bangor, Maine, Major Frank Geese, C. A. C., with offices at Room 15, Customs Building, Portland, Maine and Major William H. Mitchell, M. C., Executive Officer, 92nd Medical Regiment, with offices at 134 Water street, Augusta, Maine, are anxious to get in personal touch with all the former officers living in Maine and are ready to explain all features and advantages of enrollment in the Reserve Corps. In addition to their thorough knowledge of the Army, these officers are familiar with all the recent legislation enacted by Congress and regulations promulgated by the War Department in the interest of the organization of the Reserve Corps.

Outstanding points of interest to former officers are: Officers of the World War are eligible for appointment in the arm of the service in which they formerly were commissioned and in the highest grade held during their term of service; instead of being assigned to a unit in the 97th Division, to which the Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont units belong, an officer at his request may remain unassigned. The Government is anxious to have the skeleton of the division complete as far as officers are concerned, so as to avoid any delay in mobilization or preparation in case of emergency.

The military policy provided for by Congress contemplates the organization of our military forces into one has potent, well-balanced and effective arm, the Army of the United States, consisting of the Regular Army, the National Guard when in the service of the U. S., and the Organized Reserves, including the Officers Reserve Corps and the Enlisted Reserve Corps. Each of these has its mission; that of the Reserve is:

(1) To provide a trained, organized and balanced force which may be rapidly expanded and developed into an adequate war component of the Army of the United States to meet any emergency requiring the use of troops in excess of those of the Regular Army and National Guard.

(2) The Organized Reserves are the third component of the Army of the United States.

(3) The Regular Army and the National Guard may be employed separately or together in minor or major emergencies, but the Organized Reserves constitute purely a war force and can be employed only in the event of a national emergency declared by Congress, and no officer of the Organized Reserves can be ordered out for training without his consent.

The Organized Reserves are sometimes referred to as the "Paper Army," in that the entire organization of the reserves, while it is similar on paper to that of the Regular Army and the National Guard, in reality it is concentrated almost entirely in the various headquarters. There are, however, many schools, practical and correspondence, which reserve officers are able to take advantage of during their enrollment. These plans are so made up that with little difficulty or inconvenience an officer is able to keep abreast with developments in his own arm of the service, better keeping in touch with the other branches.

Units in Maine.

Maine, being by far the largest and most important of the three states which comprise the 97th Division area, most of the units of the division are allocated within its borders.

It would go too far here to give a complete roster of all the units assigned to Maine, but the following list shows the units stationed in Androscoggin, Franklin and Oxford Counties, respectively. The communities named are merely the headquarters and assembly points of the organizations concerned, the men for which in case of an emergency would in most cases be drawn from the entire county.

Androscoggin County
Lewiston: Headquarters 356 Infantry Regiment, Headquarters Company, 356th Infantry, Company G, 356th Infantry, Headquarters 2nd Battalion,

303rd Field Artillery, Combat Train, 2nd Battalion, 303rd Field Artillery, Sanitary Company, 303.

Auburn: Headquarters 2nd Battalion, 303rd Infantry, Headquarters Company, 2nd Bn., 303rd Infantry, Company E, 303rd Infantry, Service Battery 303rd Field Artillery.

Livermore Falls: Company E, 303rd Infantry.

Franklin County
Farmington: Headquarters 1st, Battalion, 303rd Infantry, Headquarters Company, 1st Bn., 303rd Infantry.

Oxford County
Rumford: Company C, 303rd Infantry.

South Paris: Company D, 303rd Infantry.

MOTION PICTURES VALUABLE IN EXTENSION TEACHING

When used in combination with other methods of presenting ideas, such as newspaper publicity, the spoken word, exhibits, slides, and printed bulletins, the United States Department of Agriculture has found that motion pictures constitute a valuable addition to these extension agencies. The department maintains its own motion picture laboratory, when films are prepared to picture improved agricultural practices, to warn about dangerous conditions or undesirable methods, or otherwise to acquaint these as a distance from the National Capital with the work of the department or its application to farm life.

In connection with extension work motion pictures have many advantages and few disadvantages. Some of the advantages are that they create interest in and a demand for farm demonstrations; they can cover a long period of time in a few seconds, showing the beginning of an operation, its progress, and its completion. Farmers in distant communities can see in motion picture form demonstrations which they could not possibly visit. Improved ways of handling familiar jobs, including household tasks, can be effectively shown by this means.

The limitations of motion pictures in extension work lies chiefly in the fact that they deal in generalities rather than specific details. They should, however, be the teacher with a good simple idea which will impress him to the point of seeking specific information from an extension worker or from printed sources.

The California district of the Forest Service, United States Department of Agriculture, has received \$4,000 from the Automobile Club of Southern California for the development of public camps in national forests. In addition, the automobile club cooperates very closely with the Forest Service in fire prevention work. Approved methods of preventing fires are printed on the maps furnished by the club to tourists.

LOCKE'S MILLS

Donald and Lester Tibbets are on a business trip to Boston and New York. Mrs. Clara Brown of Bethel is a guest of her daughter, Mrs. Ralph King and family.

King Bartlett and Sidney were in South Paris Saturday evening.

Mrs. W. H. Crockett returned Wednesday from her trip abroad.

Mrs. Donald Tibbets and son are visiting her parents at Mechanics Falls.

The Sacred Emerald.

The emerald is one of the most beautiful of precious stones, and some of the finest specimens come from Peru. Among the ancient peoples of that country the stone was regarded as sacred.

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At our two stores you are certain to find what you want and at a moderate price.

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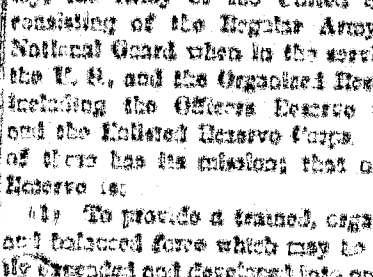
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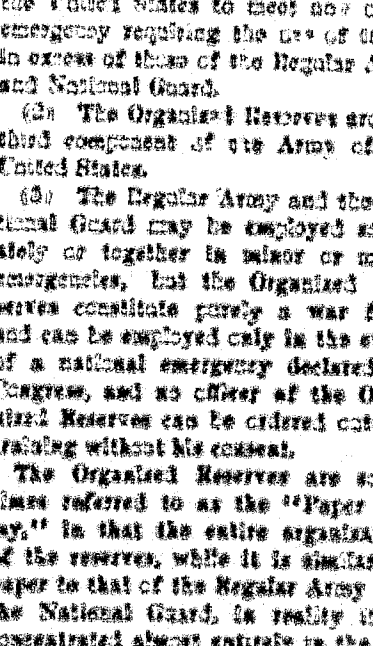
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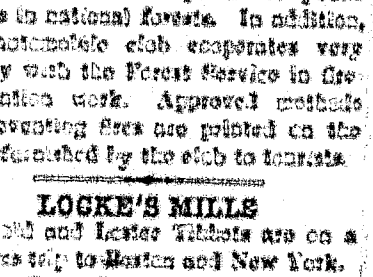
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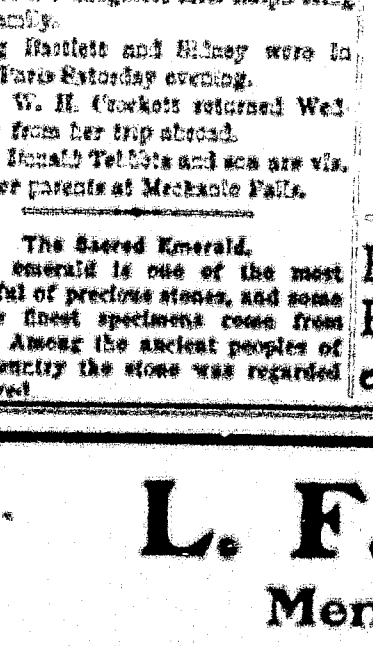


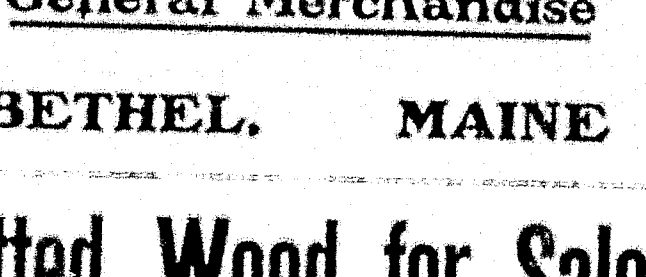
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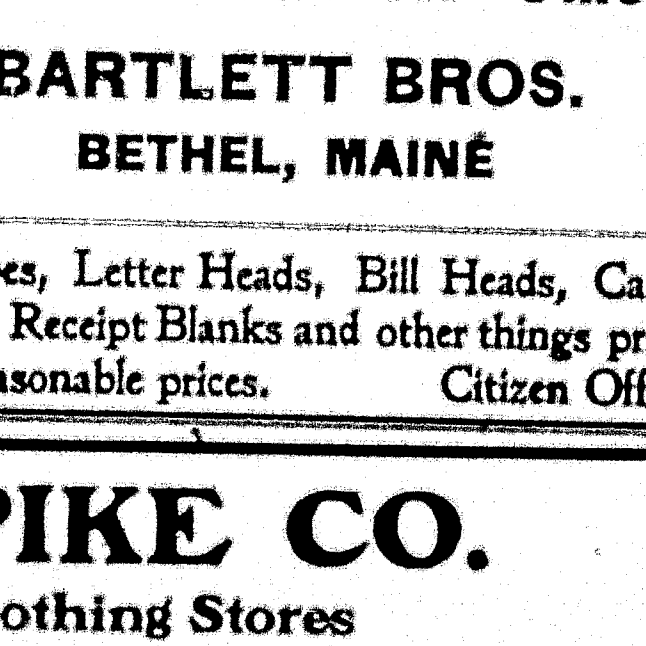


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The Custard Cup

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SYNOPSIS

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"Don't you care?" said Mrs. Penfield cheerfully. "We'll send it to the cleaner's the first thing in the morning, and like as not they'll cut it out. Then I'll send it to you by express. Now what do you think you'd better wear tomorrow? This white georgette is lovely, but you sure couldn't travel in it. My idea would be this." She lifted a gown of gray-blue silk figured in a misty pattern.

Lorene shook her head. "It isn't wash silk."

"It can wash it," affirmed Mrs. Penfield stoutly. "I can tell by the feeling of it."

The door opened a crack. The heavy face of Mrs. Percy appeared, followed by the lady herself as she perceived that the air was now free of its sooty burden.

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the square neck was fresh and fluffed. The blue silk showed no slightest trace of the evening's experience.

Mrs. Penfield was sitting on the edge of a stool, her body crumpled forward, her cheek resting on the ironing-board, her holder in her outstretched hand. She was asleep.

"And I let her do it," breathed the girl in contrition.

Mrs. Penfield roused, in the midst of her weariness sensing the presence of another person. There were tired shadows under her eyes, but she smiled brightly.

"I guess I'm all through, Lorene. I was just resting a minute."

Lorene sprang forward and threw her arms around Mrs. Penfield's neck. She kissed the three cheeks.

Mrs. Penfield held her close. Floated pictures jerked through her brain—of her own life, starting in promise like Lorene's, breaking in despair as she hoped Lorene's never would.

"Dear little girl, may you be happy—always," she whispered.

CHAPTER XIV

Not a Friend to Uncle Jerry.

"What's the idea, Caroline?" inquired Uncle Jerry, coming into the kitchen. "Crink says you won't tell 'em how to make a hen-coop or hen-house, or whatever it is, and he's a little fellow getting their brains all snarled up, trying to study it out."

"Twon't hurt 'em a mite," declared Mrs. Penfield serenely, as she poured cold water over the starch and crushed out the lumps against the bottom of the big pan. "What I aim to do, Uncle Jerry, is to teach them children to think. How are they ever going to get along when they grow up if they haven't learned to work out their own problems?"

Uncle Jerry turned toward the sink to wash his hands. "They'll be smarter when they grow up."

"Not if they don't have some mental exercises along the way," retorted Mrs. Penfield mildly. "I figure that a lot of parents practically embalm their children's brains by doing all the thinking for the family. That's one mistake I don't intend to make."

Uncle Jerry reached for the soap. "It's all the same to me," he grinned. "Donnie Geraldine's the one that's got the kick."

"Nonsense! I'll risk Bonnie Geraldine. Crink knows as much about boards and nails as I do, and if he and Lettie can't study up some kind of shelter for one hen, I'll be 'darned' of 'em. It may take 'em a few days, but they'll be days well put in." She set the pan on the stove and poured in boiling water, stirring briskly as she talked.

Uncle Jerry wiped his hands thoughtfully. "I wasn't criticizing, Caroline. Great Scott, if you've got the courage to take in kids that you might leave running loose in the world, you'd oughter have the privilege of managing 'em any way you darn please. All I, I wasn't going to hand out any hints if 'twas contrary to rules, so I was asking."

"You're a dear," acknowledged Mrs. Penfield, smiling. "I am dead set on this one point, 'cause I've been bored half to death by so many folks that it'd be like a million dollars. I tell you what, Uncle Jerry, there's more folks there ought to be where minds ain't nothing but cold-storage plants. 'Course you don't always know where the material came from—and some times you can trace it easy. I know a woman once who never said anything 'cept what her minister handed out to her. She was a sort of charity case, but I'll bet she wasn't the only one in the congregation. Monday and Tuesday she was real trusting; Wednesday she was just so-so; Thursday she was on the decline; and by Friday she'd run down entirely. Friday and Saturday she was a pretty fair listener." Mrs. Penfield laughed.

"Blessed if I didn't always call on that woman 'fore the first of the week some time."

"You're really encouraging to a fellow that's had a little trouble. Caroline. I'd always wished somebody worked out a few things for me. (By the way," he added, as he smoothed his hair before the small mirror that hung by the cupboard, "I ordered a sack of sweet potatoes this morning. They'll come sometime today. I got 'em for a little cheap, 'cause they're white-ten big for forty cents. But I thought maybe you could use 'em."

"Oh, just good," cried Mrs. Penfield. "I'd as soon have white potatoes as any other kind, and they're what we need most. You be sure to come 'round to supper tonight. Uncle Jerry. We'll have sweet potatoes with salt on 'em, and a cauliflower that Frank brought yesterday. I'll be a grand guest."

"Yes," acknowledged Jerry Winston gravely. "I'll stake my life you'll make these potatoes better than I 'dare give 'em."

"That's set it always. Thanks-giving," she interrupted, smiling. "We're awful lucky to be well now, isn't it?"

Jerry Winston said nothing. He took up his hat and whistled it absently round and round. The last-but not least had shed out of his coat, leaving the doorway. During several moments of silence he watched Mrs. Penfield spritzing clothes and rolling them into tight coils with a final slap from her palm to encourage capriciousness.

Finally he roused and opened the kitchen door. "I wish I had a settled income," he muttered. He jammed on his hat and went out.

"Poor man, I wish he had," thought Mrs. Penfield. "He's hard on him, so I guess he's got that to say."

She turned and looked at the clock. It was a long chain of wrought gold, set with gems. Mrs. Penfield threw her second puzzled glance, noting it difficult to realize that this ultra young woman belonged in the exceedingly homely Oxford City.

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thing again. Land, I got to be careful not to feel hurt 'cause he can't talk it over with his own piece; but trying to force a fellow's confidence is 'bout like prying a cocoon open with a knife. I ain't going to care; I'm going to expect—and I'm an awful good expecter. Besides, I got a heap of wonderful things to think about."

It was true that several high points had recently been reached by the Penfields. For one thing, Crink had been promoted in the grocery business, being paid now in a small amount of cold cash for his two-hour service in the late afternoon. He was also still on the inside ring in regard to bargains in vegetables, groceries and meat houses, and continued to bring in supplies that represented a sharp saving to the family. Crink had visions of being able to support the household before many years, and already he was swinging in and out of The Custard Cup with an engaging air of haste and responsibility.

Lettie also had distinguished herself by a week of flawless behavior. Whether it was because of greater effort or because of fewer alluring temptations, no one knew; neither was anyone so unfeeling as to inquire. The lower rung of the ladder into kindly shadow. At last Lettie had been arrayed in the pink sweater and the white hat of Turkish beaver and had gone to church. And again no one sought diligently for the motive—lest it might be found. Many motives which result in creditable actions will undergo instant disintegration if they are exposed to the light, and no risk was run by any Penfield.

It is not to be supposed that Lettie, having won her victory, was inclined to underrate its value. For weeks the pink-and-white outfit had been the pinnacle of her hopes and the bitterest element in her failures; but when it was hers by honest record, she carried off the situation with great nonchalance. Her black eyes glowed with deep fire; her face was irradiated; but her manner was set in the last notch of jauntyness.

"Jimmy!" she had cried, upon her return from church. "These toes sure beat the world for class. I didn't see anybody dressed niftier, and I got the sweetest feelings inside me. Seems like there ain't nothing I couldn't do if I had the clothes for it."

Mrs. Penfield smiled at this naive confession of unchanging femininity. "Now that you've begun, I hope you'll keep right on wearing that sweater every Sunday. It was easy, after all, wasn't it?"

"Oh, dead easy!" confirmed Lettie, with a careless posture that repudiated weary weeks of abortive endeavor. "There ain't nothing to this behaving staid 'cept not getting riled."

"Lettie," sighed Mrs. Penfield, "what you got to learn is to behave in spite of getting riled."

"O Lord!" cried the child, rolling her eyes in dismay. "I'd rather dodge. And it works out just the same."

"You couldn't dodge all the time, Lettie; but if you want to try it for a spell, there ain't no objection. Now that you can wear your good class, you got to go to Sunday school with Crink and Thad regular. I'll be terrible good for you."

Of these more cheerful phases of two immediate problems—food supply and Lettie's training—Mrs. Penfield was thinking as she finished her spritzing and starching and changed her dress. It was the first of December. She had been collecting the rents and had to make the deposit before the bank should close. Her list was complete except for the Bothers. While she was debating whether she would call for their rent or let it go till they thought of it, as they rarely would in a day or two, Quail's money came in.

"Here's the rent," she said briefly. "I came near forgetting it again."

She was wearing a black satin gown, expensively simple. Around her

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neck was a long chain of wrought gold, set with gems. Mrs. Penfield threw her second puzzled glance, noting it difficult to realize that this ultra young woman belonged in the exceedingly homely Oxford City.

THAT BAD BACK

Do you have a dull, steady ache in the small of the back—sharp, stabbing twinges when stooping or lifting—distressing urinary disorders? For bad back and weakened kidneys Bethel residents recommend Doan's Kidney Pills. Read this Bethel statement.

F. M. Wood, 4 Park St., says: "My kidneys began to annoy me after I had strained my back lifting. My back ached pretty badly and I was in bad shape for a long time. When I took Doan's, my kidneys became congested and at times they acted irregularly. Doan's Kidney Pills were recommended, so I began to use them and they took hold of the trouble quickly. I soon had relief from the backache and the action of my kidneys was corrected." (Statement given June 8, 1916.)

On September 8, 1920, Mr. Wood said: "Doan's have done fine work whenever I have used them for any sign of kidney weakness. I think just as highly of Doan's today as when I first endorsed them."

says. It brings home to the audience that this spirit can never die.

The American Legion, created in this spirit and devoted to its expression through service, desires to bring home this message to the country through the medium of story and more patriotic plays or fellow. This fellow was a trifle bald. Smith caught them unaware, laid to get up on his dignity and kick him down the stairs! No, Smith wasn't even funny—the story itself had with joy; for the embarrassed party was Smith's first baby boy.—Indianapolis Star.

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